

At page 20, lines 16-21, delete the following paragraph:

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Q2 In the following claims, means-plus-function clauses are intended to cover the structures described herein as performing the recited function and not only structural equivalents but also equivalent structures. For example, although a nail and a screw may not be structural equivalents in that a nail employs a cylindrical surface to secure wooden parts together, whereas a screw employs a helical surface, in the environment of fastening wooden parts, a nail and a screw are equivalent structures.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-6.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

A.E. 7. (Amended) A medical device inventory and production control system synchronous with various phases of product manufacturing for standard, customized and newly approved, modified/redesigned devices and to stock various consumption hubs including hospitals, sales offices, distributors and sales representatives on a just-in-time basis under a build to order and build to replenish production scheme, the system comprising:

a Web-enabled information network being in data communications with manufacturing, shipping/delivery and the various consumption hubs; and

at [lest] least one programmer being in a bi-directional communications link with the Web-enabled information network; and

at least one device implanted in a patient taken out of one of the consumption hubs, and having a wireless communication with the programmer to thereby route device information to the Web-enabled information network.